

ABSTRACT

DNA sequences coding for a TNF-binding protein and for
the TNF receptor of which this protein constitutes the
5 soluble domain. The DNA sequences can be used for preparing
recombinant DNA molecules in order to produce TNF-binding
protein and TNF receptor. Recombinant TNF-binding protein is
used in pharmaceutical preparations for treating indications
10 in which TNF has a harmful effect. With the aid of the TNF
receptor or fragments thereof or with the aid of suitable
host organisms transformed with recombinant DNA molecules
containing the DNA which codes for the TNF receptor or
fragments or modifications thereof, it is possible to
investigate substances for their interaction with the TNF
15 receptor and/or for their effect on the biological activity
of TNF.

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